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Today's Topics:

[rec.radio.amateur reorg] HAVE YOU VOTED YET? 4 DAYS LEFT
 blind VEs
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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
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Date: 6 Jun 93 01:02:25 GMT
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Subject: [rec.radio.amateur reorg] HAVE YOU VOTED YET? 4 DAYS LEFT
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

If you intend to vote on the rec.radio.amateur reorg but didn't get around
to it when the 1st and 2nd Calls for Votes (CFV) were posted, there is very
little time left.

VOTING ENDS TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1993 AT 23:59 UTC.

If you have an opinion (in favor or opposed) on the newsgroups proposed for
creation, you can make your opinion count by voting.

If you do not have a copy of either of the CFVs, send an e-mail to
cfv-request@uts.amdahl.com
and an auto-reply program will send you a copy of the 2nd CFV, as posted by
the moderator of news.announce.newgroups. It will include instructions on
how to send your vote to the vote-taker, Jay Maynard K5ZC.

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Date: 5 Jun 93 21:28:12 GMT
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> Just one more thing. As for the person who wrote that blind VE's in
>charge of testing sessions would be impractical until the invention of the
>"Geordi visor," I'd suggest that you fit the first one for yourself.
> 73
>dit-dit

You must not have seen the part where I said my nearsightedness was correctable....I also wasn't taking the stand that a blind VE could not serve as the liasion, I had taken the more complete position (which is what the current discussion is about if I understood the Amateur Radio Newsline report correctly) that a blind person would have a very difficult time serving as a VE, indeed. And that is what I believe is the question that's being discussed here.

Remember all VEs at a session are responsible for the proper supervision of the examination. The VE rules require the administering VEs to be present and observe the examinee throughout the entire examination.

The FCC says observe means you gotta be able to see.

This means that a blind VE (assuming that these reading machines work well enough...) CAN be a Liasion or a Team Contact....but he CAN'T administer an examination. He CAN make test materials. W5YI had even certified him (means he was able to take the VE test..)

The beef is the folks in West Virginia don't want to work with him. They're on the scene. I think their refusal to permit Moten to participate has to carry some weight in this discussion (see Westlink Report #650, page 3 column 2 paragraph 2.). There could be other reasons they don't want to work with him and are using 47 CFR 97.509(a) as the reason.

Of course, the Amateur Radio Newsline this week carries an interview with Moten conducted by Hap Holly where Moten says he can see ... well enough to claim that he would not have a problem with detecting cheating.

so "blind" might mean that he's legally blind - won't be driving or flying
- but may not have to be equipped with readers, canes and seeing-eye dogs.

So the FCC is holding you need good vision, the VE Team on the site refused
to let him proctor exams, Moten says he's blind. So it looks like Moten can
do everything he wants to do except actually handling running the exam itself.

I don't know if he's really got that strong of a gripe. Or if it's all just a
"personal problem".

bill wb9ivr

Date: Sat, 5 Jun 1993 22:13:11 GMT
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Subject: carrying a copy of your license (WAS:
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In article <1993Jun3.132405.20683@hemlock.cray.com> dadams@cray.com writes:
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>Right. But what if you are not operating the transmitter? Are you still
>required to meet the above?

Well, I carry mine in my wallet, so it's not something I have to actually
think to remember...it's just always there.

>What if you wife (non-ham) is driving your car to
>the store while her car is in the shop? (Assuming the radio is off.) Can she
>be arrested and the radio confiscated?

Interesting (and certainly very valid) point....I'd be interested in
knowing if this has ever happened to anyone, and what the results were!

--jim

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E-mail me for information about KAMterm (host mode for Kantronics TNCs).

Date: Fri, 04 Jun 93 21:59:53 -0400
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louie@saysshell.umd.edu (Louis A. Mamakos) writes:

> I always looked at Field Day as the contest for "the rest of us".
> More often than not, it was an excuse to take to the woods with random
> radio hacks, junk food and many containers of beer. REAL hams out on
> FD had enough generator capacity to run the microwave oven AND the TV
> at the same time.

In a sense, there's two Field Days(though both of them take place at the same time). For some, Field Day is primarily a social outing, with a bit of operating thrown in. For others, it's a 'serious' contest. And for some, it's both. The Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association, a club in West Virginia I used to belong to before I moved did it as both. FD was definitely a family social event, and especially around meal times. But we also took it as a serious contest. A lot of the reason for that is that the MARA has taken the state Field Day trophy for the past several years, and we've got out title to defend :-). The net result is that some come primarily to socialize, and some come primarily to operate, and a lot come to do both. That's probably the best of both worlds.

Ben

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